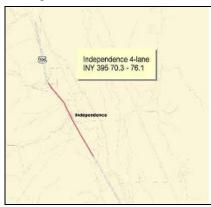
PROJECT TITLE

Independence Four-Lane

Location Map:



Project Location: Near Independence from

4.3 km south of Mazourka Canyon Road to 1.0 km north of Shabbell Lane.

Co/Rte/KP/PM: INY/395/113.1-122.8/70.3-

76.1

Project Description: Widen to four-lane

expressway

Project Scope: The proposed project will

upgrade the existing twolane conventional highway to a four-lane divided

highway

Existing Funding: IIP - \$8,745,000

RIP - \$8,469,000

Future Funding Need: \$1.495 million

Total Estimated Cost: \$18.709 million

Project Schedule: Completion Dates:

PSR - 7/22/1997 PA & ED - 04/2004 PS & E - 03/2008 RTL - 07/2008 Construction - 11/2010

PROJECT INFORMATION

Purpose & Need for the Project:

The two-lane section north of town currently restricts traffic on US Route 395, especially for south bound traffic. Traffic going south comes out of a four-lane area into a two-lane. Shortly beyond this point the speed limit reduces to 25 mph at Independence. The existing highway geometrics combined with the more developed setting creates congestion.

Project Need:

- The existing facility is currently operating at a LOS "B". With no highway improvements, the LOS is expected to deteriorate to LOS "E".
- Two-lane highway restricts passing opportunities.
- The existing paved shoulders do not provide adequate refuge for vehicles in distress, nor do they meet current design standards.
- The existing shoulders do not provide adequate separation between traffic and bicycle riders.
- Provides for route continuity.

Project Purpose:

- The District System Management Plan (DSMP) identifies Route 14/395 as one of the two major transportation corridors in the District. The project complies with the DSMP's goal for the corridor to "continue upgrading the Route 14/395 corridor to a 4-lane facility.
- The proposed project will improve the LOS.
- Improve the overall safety of the traveling public.
- Ease traffic congestion especially during peak recreational travel periods.